

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES This weekend:

Bangor: (PARISH CENTRE)

Vigil 6.30pm;
Sun 11.00am

Donaghadee:

Sun 9.30am.

Ballyholme:

Sun 12.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

at 9.30am Monday-Friday

Confessions:

Bangor: Sat 5.30 pm and
after all Masses.

Weekend Mass in the Pastoral Communities

Holywood: Vigil 6.30pm;

Sun 10am & 12noon.

Newtownards:

Vigil 6.30pm; Sun 11.30am.

Comber: Sun 10.00am.

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the Month at
2pm. Register online at
www.bangorparish.com
under

Sacramental Preparation.

2 month's notice required.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Monday
10.00am to 9.30pm

Venue: **Most Holy
Redeemer Church,**
Ballyholme.

Marian Prayer Group

Meet every Thursday
evening for 1 hour. 6.30-
7.30pm. Meditation on the
Rosary for the unborn,
Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Venue: **Most Holy
Redeemer Church,**
Ballyholme.

ST COMGALL'S, Bangor PARISH CENTRE

During the weeks of work on St
Comgall's Church to allow for the
setting up of the Vigil Mass &
Sunday Mass with seating,
there will be no bookings for the
Main Hall on Saturdays.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 15 September 2019

MASS OF THE ANGELS

The annual Mass of the Angels will be celebrated on
Wednesday 2nd October at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church
Newtownards. The Newtownards and Comber Parish Bethany
Team invite any parishioners within our Parish Pastoral
Community (Bangor, Holywood, Kircubbin, Portaferry) who have
suffered the tragic loss of a child (regardless of age) through
miscarriage, stillbirth, direct medical intervention, or any other
circumstance, to contact either their own Bethany Team or their
Parish Secretary in confidence if they wish to have their child
included. No names will be read out but they will be placed
discreetly in front of the altar during the Mass. All are welcome
to attend the Mass.

Drivers are **urgently** needed for the **St Columbanus
School Bus on Sundays**. Please leave your details into the
parish office if you are able to help. This is on a rota basis.

Society of St Vincent De Paul

The North Down & Ards Council of St Vincent de Paul warmly
invites you to join us to celebrate our Annual **Festival Mass on
Thursday 3rd October @ 7pm** in St Comgall's Church,
Donaghadee. Light refreshments will be served after Mass.



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Fr Samuel Kerr

Anniversaries:

Maureen Taylor, Joe McNally, David Kenny, Fr Harry Donaghy,
Stephen McKearney, Elizabeth McKearney, Lucy McDaniel,
Emmanuel Shields, Harry Shields, Edwin Bana, Billy Grego,
Jim Lavery, Mark Miller (Colorado).

ST COMGALL'S PARISH YOUTH CLUB

Club commences in St Comgall's Parish Centre: Mon 16th Sept
P6, Wed 18th Sept P7, Fri 20th Sept Yr8+. Membership is £15
per child and £10 for each family member thereafter.

VOLUNTEERS

Interested in being a Junior Leader or Volunteer? St Comgall's
Parish Youth Centre needs volunteers to help in the Youth
Club. Email comgallsyc@gmail.com or call 07754 423571 or call
into the club and have a chat.

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of Saint Luke 15:1-32.

1. There are three figures in the story of the Prodigal Son. The father is a symbol of an unconditional love. Perhaps you can recall someone showing love to you in a way that showed great forgiveness and acceptance. Have there been times when you have also loved in this way?
2. You may be able to identify with the younger son at different stages of his journey. Be sure to follow it to the point where it becomes a good news story for you – when you 'came to yourself.' Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation?
3. Do not neglect the older son. In contrast to his father he was very judgemental and resentful towards his younger brother. Perhaps you have experienced these attitudes in others towards you, or in yourself towards others. What were those experiences like for you? What did they teach you?

John Byrne OSA, E: jbpbymeosa@gmail.com

**St Vincent de Paul
Helpline 077 0367 9384**

**A sister from the
Medical Missionaries
of Mary** will visit our
parish next weekend
21/22 September.
She will be telling you
of the work they are
involved in and
appealing for your
prayerful & financial
support of their work.
We are looking forward
to welcoming the
sisters to our parish.

WELCOME ROTA DURING SEPTEMBER

6. 30 pm Mass -
Anne Mc Cabe and
Una Sweeney
11.00 am Mass –
Elaine Le Mahieu
and Charlie Taylor.

4 Page Bulletin this week!

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

we are here to support
and listen. Confidential.
075 1085 2157

PARISH CENTRE GROUPS

Badminton Club Venue: Main Hall.	Starting Wednesday 11 th September - Every Wednesday: 8.30pm - 9.30pm
Bible Study Venue: St Dympna's Room.	Starting Thursday 12 th September - Every Thursday: 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Bridge Club Venue: Minor Hall.	Starting Monday 2 nd September - Every Monday: 7.30pm - 10.00pm
Irish Language Group Venue: St Columbanus Room, Ceili Dancing-Minor Hall.	Starting Thursday 5 th September - Every Thursday: 7.00pm - 8.00pm St. Colum.Rm - Every Thurs Ceili Dancing: 8.15pm-9.30pm M.Hall <i>Contact: Harry 9146-2055</i> [Language 1 st & 2 nd Year 7.00pm-8.00pm]
Friendship Club Venue: Minor Hall.	Starting Tuesday 10 th September - Every Tuesday: 10.00am - 12noon
Mothers & Toddlers Group Venue: Minor Hall.	Starting Thursday 5 th September - Every Thursday: 10.30am - 12noon
Scoil Rince Cosa in Airde Venue: Main Hall.	Starting Tuesday 3 rd September - Every Tuesday: 6.00pm - 9.00pm
St. Comgall's Briggins Venue: Main Hall.	Starting Thursday 5 th September - Every Thursday: Cygnets: (p1/p2) 5.45 - 6.30pm Aged 6-10: 6.30 - 8.00pm
Youth Club Venue: Youth Room, Sports Hall.	Starting Monday 2 nd September - Every Mon, Wed, Fri: 6.00pm - 9.00pm
Whist Club Venue: Minor Hall.	Starting Friday 6 th September - Every Friday: 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Baptism Course – Pre-Sacramental Parents & God-parents Evening.	2 nd Tuesday of the Month 7.00pm until 7.45pm	Venue: St Columbanus & St Cecelia Rooms [Through the green fence 2 nd Floor of Parish Centre]
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Children's Liturgy <i>Registration Forms must be completed and will be given out at the first session.</i>	Starting Sunday 1 st September 11am Mass: <i>After the welcome & opening prayers for the entire congregation by the priest, the children will be called forward and sent out with the leaders.</i>	Venue: St Dympna's Room 1 st Room on the left.
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES 1 st Penance & Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Penance & Holy Communion Classes - Starting Sunday 6th October for P4 children attending other primary schools from the Bangor area. Confirmation Class date to be confirmed. <p>Please register your interest by contacting the parish office during office hours or by email. bangor@downandconnor.org</p>
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY! AND OTHER NOTICES....

WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

The Belfast Pioneer Region are holding their Annual Mass in St Agnes' Church, 141 Andersonstown Rd. Belfast 11 beginning at 7pm. If anyone wishes to be presented with gold, silver or other Pioneer emblems /certificates, please contact Pat 9262 9959, Roisin 9064 6957, Josephine 9061 7116 or Mary 9442 3956 as soon as possible. All Pioneers and friends are welcome. Light refreshments afterwards.

THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

"Get Together", a community of bereaved families, invites you to our "From Inside Out" conference on 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Riddel Hall, Belfast. The most frequently voiced fear by those wanting to support bereaved children is "What if I say the wrong thing?" Want to know more about helping families find community in the midst of trauma and grief? Come to the 'From Inside Out' Conference on 19-9-19 to learn directly from bereaved children and families what they need: <https://www.cruse.org.uk/from-inside-out-conference> or contact maria.mcentee@cruse.org.uk or 02890792419 for more information. Cost- £99 full day £50 half day.



FAITH AND LIFE CONVENTION

2019 Online bookings for this year's [Faith and Life Convention](#) are now open. We hope

that you will be able to join us on

Saturday, 28 September 2019 at

Our Lady and St Patrick's College in Belfast. This year our theme for the convention is ***Faith in a Better World*** and our Keynote Speaker will be Michel Camdessus. Michel is the former Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and a member of the Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace. The highlight of the day for many people is the variety of workshops on offer and this year we have an impressive line-up of local and international speakers. The convention is an excellent opportunity to network with others from the Diocese and beyond. We look forward to welcoming you and having an enjoyable day where we can encourage one another to be people of active faith in our society. www.faithandlifeconvention.org/

THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

[Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, Bangor](#)

Carers' Mental health and well-being Tom McEaney, Aware, Thursday 19 September 6.30pm-8.30pm.

PARISH INITIATIVE

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER – (2pm-3.30pm)

COASTAL ROSARY FOR LIFE, FAITH AND LOVE. Join in with thousands of people all around Ireland, as we gather on our coasts, near rivers, in our churches, at grottos etc. to pray the Rosary for Life, Faith and Love on Sunday October 13th at 2.30pm. We will join in with many countries around the world. We will meet beyond Pickie Park at the first beach cove at Stricklands Glen. We will gather from 2pm onwards to say the Rosary and the prayers of Consecration to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. St Comgall's Marian Prayer Group will co-ordinate this event. All welcome please bring your families and friends. Let's decide to offer reparation and be a part of the movement of love & life!

40 Days for Life: Precious Life have launched **40 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING** - beginning on Sunday 8th September to Thursday 17th October 2019 - to stop Westminster's cruel and extreme abortion law being forced on Northern Ireland. For more information on how to get involved, please contact **Precious Life** on **028 9027 8484** or email info@preciouslife.com

St Vincent De Paul: Clare Lodge, Newcastle

Why spend Christmas or New Year alone when you can be among friends and have company.

- Christmas breaks from 24th December – 27th Dec
- New Year 30th December – 2nd January (Accommodation & full board meals) - (single room occupancy £175.00) (Sharing room £145.00)

Alternatively, if you just wish to spend the day having Christmas Dinner and Evening Tea or New Year's Dinner & Evening Tea in the company of others for the cost £20.00 (numbers for day visit limited to 20 people) All bookings to be made in advance. For further information and any queries, please contact Clare Lodge Reception on 028 4372 2849 or email clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk (All special dietary meals catered for via prior arrangement).

MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER (starting)

Drumalis - Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living: In association with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. This is a one-year programme (30 x 2.5 hour sessions) for those who want a closer relationship with God, who struggle with prayer, who want to make choices that are in tune with God's dream for the world. No expertise in prayer or reflection is required. The first session is on Monday 16th September beginning at 7 pm. For further details, please contact Drumalis during office hrs T: 2827 2196 or email maura@drumalis.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

Beginning Experience - Are you suffering the pain of loss of a partner? Looking for help and understanding? Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets every Wednesday evening from 8pm to 10pm, commencing Wednesday 25th September, in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Malone Rd., Belfast. All welcome. For details please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07896119669

September on Lough Derg: Standard One Day Retreats in September: Sat 21, Sun 22 & Sun 29. Special Living with Suicide Day Retreat, Sat 28 September. Advance booking is essential for any of these dates. Tel 071 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org

PATHWAYS

- Adult Faith Development Programme at Drumalis - **Enrol now for 2019-2021 intake.** Pathways is a broad-based adult faith development course which explores spirituality, theology and prayer. Now in its fourteenth year, Pathways is geared towards those who want to reflect about life, faith and relationships with God and others. The course takes place in the beautiful surroundings of Drumalis in Larne. No academic qualifications are necessary and there is no coursework attached.

This two-year programme supported by the Diocese of Down and Connor runs from October to June each year and will be held on nine Saturdays from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. For further information and booking form, please contact Drumalis – 028 2827 2196/2827 6455 (during office hours, Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm), email maura@drumalis.co.uk or see the Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

Extraordinary Mission Month [EMM] October 2019 Theme - "Baptised and Sent" - Hold the Dates!

This October through an Extraordinary Mission Month declared by Pope Francis, the Diocese invites us to embrace the vision of a Missionary Church by celebrating the contribution of our Diocese to the missions abroad.

To mark EMM2019 we will be holding 3 major events in October –

Friday 11 October 4.30pm - 7.30pm Missionary Young People and Children's Day - Braid Parish to include climbing Slemish, Prayer Service and BBQ (bus leaving from QUB Chaplaincy at 3.00pm)

Saturday 19 October 9.30am - 4.30pm A Conference and Celebration of D&C Missionaries Abroad and at Home in St Mary's University College, Falls Rd, Belfast

Sunday 20 October - 3.00pm Mission Sunday Mass - Together We Are Mission - St Patrick's Church, Chapel Hill, Lisburn.

Throughout the coming year, we plan to acknowledge and celebrate the work of the many hundreds of Missionaries who left their homes and parishes to engage in Missionary endeavour around the world. If you have a relative or friend who is currently a Missionary abroad or during their lifetime has served as a Missionary, we would really appreciate if you would please give their details including Name, Religious Order, Dates etc.. to your Parish Office or email [missions@downandconnor.org] before 23rd September 2019.

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

Anam Cara Armagh the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 25th September at 7:20pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh, BT60 4FR. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 24th September or call 028 95213120.

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

Palliative care and Dementia, Lynda Williams, Alzheimer's Society, 6.30pm-8.30pm. For more info please phone 02891 810083 or email northdownandards@alzheimers.org.uk

SMA Retreat & Conference Centre, Newry

Starting: **SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER**

Days of Prayer / Workshops 9.30am – 5.00pm (with lunch). Sat. 28th Sept. '**Lectio Divina**' led by Fr. Joseph Ralph OP - £25/€30. Sat. 19th Oct. '**The Green Platform**' led by Mr Declan Coyle - £45/€50. Sat. 9th Nov. '**Finding God in the Mess**' Fr.B.Mc Manus SJ & Jim Deeds £30/€35

Family Care Adoption Services (1969 – 2019)

Celebrating 50 years of adoption. Family Care Adoption Services is presently seeking adoptive families for babies, young children aged 2 years and older; and brothers and sisters. To find out more information please contact us at: **Family Care Adoption Services: Telephone:** 028 71 368592 or 028 90 691133. Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm. **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org **Website:** www.familycaresociety.co.uk

MONDAY 14TH to SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Silent Retreat- Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne Venue: Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry, Co. Down

Date: October 14th to 20th Cost: £410stg full board

Contact: Helen : 00353 86 1678027/

hellywilliams@gmail.com www.foyerofcharity.ie

A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.

FRIDAY 15TH – SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

The Joy of Love in Marriage - A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples (of all ages) private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next Weekend (residential) will be at The Lake Hotel Killarney. For info. and to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or call 07702-812321 or +353 87 784 0408.